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Washington, D.C.—Today, Congressman Sires cosponsored several bills as part of the “Make It In America” initiative, which focuses on job creation and continuing to grow the economy. The “Make It In America” agenda is a plan to create jobs by encouraging businesses to make products and innovate in the U.S. This initiative includes numerous pieces of legislation that work to strengthen our infrastructure and support investments in key areas like education and energy innovation.

“ ‘Make It In America’ is an initiative aimed at creating jobs today, driving economic recovery and moving America forward”, said Congressman Sires. “I am committed to making sound investments to revitalize manufacturing in America, that will strengthen American competitiveness, create jobs and ensure American workers can make it in America.”

Congressman Sires cosponsored H.R. 992, Build American Jobs Act, which would extend the Build America Bonds program, provide additional funding for the Recovery Zone bonds, and makes improvement to existing bond and credit program. In addition, Congressman Sires cosponsored H.R. 1912, Make It In America Block Grant Act, which establishes a grant program at the Department of Commerce to provide small to medium-sized businesses with the resources and strategies to modify their operations and train their workforce in order to transition to the manufacturing of clean energy and high-technology.

"I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 992 and H.R. 1912," said Congressman Sires. "These vital pieces of legislation would help states, local governments, and medium sized businesses in communities hardest hit by unemployment leverage private capital to create jobs today and build the infrastructure that drives economic growth."

The "Make It In America" agenda also encompasses legislation that works to strengthen our workforce. H.R. 1611, the Workforce Investment through Local Libraries (WILL) Act, would amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, to integrate public libraries into State and local workforce investment boards. Additionally, H.R. 1325, the American Manufacturing Efficiency and Retraining Investment Collaboration (AMERICA Works) Act, would help workers earn certifications, degrees, and qualifications for the jobs American industry needs to fill.

"I support H.R. 1611 and H.R. 1325 because they will provide American workers with greater access to resources and tools to better navigate the job market", said Sires. " 'The Make It In America' agenda will surely create an environment where manufacturers and small businesses can expand and where workers will have access to high waged jobs."

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